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6. [ ] Met with Peter Abbruzzese, Administrative Assistant to Representative Wayne Hays (D., Ohio), and gave him a copy of our turndown letter in the employment application of [ ] Alexandria, Virginia. Abbruzzese indicated that he could well understand the Agency's hiring situation at the present time and told me he would report to Hays that we had done the best we could for [ ]

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7. [ ] Met briefly with Bernice Kalinowski, Personal Secretary to Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and left with her a Congressional Quarterly biographic sketch on an individual Slatinshek had inquired about. Miss Kalinowski told me that Chairman Hebert is still in the hospital from the flu but that he is progressing satisfactorily.

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8. [ ] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the Director's meeting with Senator McClellan (D., Ark.). It is Preston's opinion that Chairman Mahon will be pleased that the meeting was a satisfactory one. I told him that the Director will be briefing Senate Appropriations Committee next Wednesday, 31 January.

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9. [ ] Met with Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who told me that by the present Committee plans, Helms' confirmation hearing may be scheduled for next Wednesday, 31 January. In brief, he mentioned also that in the Committee administrative budget approved in the Committee organization meeting this week, something over one-third is for the Multinational Corporation Subcommittee expenses.

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11. [ ] Met with Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William Bray (R., Ind.), who told me that Bray intends a very active role as senior Republican on House Armed Services Committee. This role will not involve any additions to staff, however.

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